

# Eastern Mission

## Apostolic Lutheran Church of America

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“Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room, And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n and nature sing, And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing”.

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people”  
Luke 2:10

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith”. Galatians 5:22

“And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement”  
Romans 5:11

“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.” Luke 15:7

“Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth” Luke 15:10

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God”. Hebrews 12:2

“But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy”. 1 Peter 4:13

“A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world”. John 16:21

“But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee”. Psalm 5:11

“For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody”.  
Isaiah 51:3

“Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away”. Isaiah 51:11

We praise and thank God, that by and through His Spirit we have the Joy of Salvation! God’s word uses the word “Joy” in many places, and we know that joy is a very real part of our Christin heart and life. Christmas time especially is a time of great joy when we consider the great Love that God has for fallen man to send His Son our Lord to Earth to pay the price for our sin. God wants us to have the joy of forgiveness, salvation, and life that only comes thru His Son. The referenced verses speak of the sorrow that we experience in new birth that is very real and painful, but it also speaks to us of the joy that we receive by His Spirit when we believe by Faith that we are partakers of redemption. We rejoice when we have a Savior that loves us and has forgiven us all our sin. There is not only joy in our hearts but in Heaven and among God’s angels when a sinner repents and believes the gospel!

“I sing with joy and gladness, my soul has found release; Now free from sin and sadness, with God I live in peace. His everlasting mercy to me has been revealed; His truth in my heart has been sealed”. From Hymns and Songs of Zion.

May we all be encouraged in whatever trial that we may be going thru that as God’s redeemed children we have joy. We have the beautiful testimony of so many travels on this blessed way of faith that have given account of the joy that belongs to the redeemed followers of God.

**In God’s peace!**

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